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SUBJECT: PRAPHAT'S RETURN TO THAILAND; GROC RELATIONS WITH RTG.

1. AT A PRIVATE LUNCHEON WITH PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, HE REFERRED TO RECENT VISIT OF GENERAL KRIANGSAK TO GENERAL PRAPHAT HERE IN TAIPEI. KRIANGSAK, HE SAID, WAS SUCCESSFUL IN PERSUADING PRAPHAT NOT TO RETURN TO THAILAND AT THE PRESENT TIME, ALTHOUGH HE ASSURED PRAPHAT THIS PROHIBITION WAS NOT INTENDED TO CONTINUE FOR ALL TIME. THE PREMIER MENTIONED PRAPHAT'S CONTINUING DESIRE TO RETURN HOME, SAID THAT SINCE PRAPHAT HAS "VISA" IN HIS PASSPORT GROC COULD NOT OPPOSE HIM, BUT WISHES TO COOPERATE WITH RTG. HE SEEMED PERSUADED KRIANGSAK'S ADVICE WILL RESTRAIN PRAPHAT AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT.

2. IN CONTEXT OF REFERENCE TO GENERALLY EASIER RELATIONS WITH RTG, CCK ALSO INFORMED ME THAT TEAM OF THREE AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS LED BY PROF. SHEN TSUNG-HAN WILL SHORTLY BE TRAVELLING TO THAILAND TO CARRY OUT AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY JOB THERE. THIS WILL PROBABLY REPRESENT CONTINUATION OF WORK DONE SOME YEARS AGO UNDER PROFESSOR SHEN'S DIRECTION.

3. I THEN REFERRED TO MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THANAT KHOMAN WOULD BE HERE END OF THIS WEEK, AMONG OTHER THINGS TO GIVE PUBLIC LECTURE ON DECEMBER 19. PREMIER SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THIS. (THIS INFORMATION CAME TO ME EARLIER FROM DR. HAN LIH-WUN HEAD OF CHINESE POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, ROC AMBASSADOR TO THAILAND APPROXIMATELY 1956-1964, WHO ALSO REFERRED TO CONSIDERABLE EASING OF CONTACTS WITH GROC ON PART OF RTG.)

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